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1. AUSTRALIAN PERMREP (AMBASSADOR CORKEY) CALLED ON AMB MARTIN (US CCD REP) JULY 22 TO TAKE SOUNDINGS ON POSSIBILITY OF ADMITTING AUSTRALIA IN CONNECTION WITH CCD ENLARGEMENT (REFTEL). CORKERY SAID AUSTRALIANS ARE ALSO TAKING SOUNDINGS IN CAPITALS, INCLUDING WASHINGTON, AND THAT HE PLANNED TO CONTACT UK, SWEDISH, MEXICAN, AND PERHAPS SOME OTHER CCD DELS HERE IN COMING WEEK.

2. CORKERY INDICATED THAT AUSTRALIANS WERE INTERESTED IN BEING ADMITTED AS ONE OF THE "ASIAN NON-ALIGNED" MEMBERS OF THE CCD. HE SAID HE THOUGHT THE PRESENT MAKEUP OF THE NONALIGNED GROUP OF THE CCD GAVE GROUNDS FOR THINKING THE TERM "NONALIGNED" WAS DEFINED RATHER LOOSELY. HE SAID HE RECOGNIZED, HOWEVER, THAT
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IT NONETHELESS MIGHT NOT BE EASY FOR AUSTRALIA TO BE ADMITTED

UNDER THIS CATEGORY. CORKERY INDICATED THAT THE QUESTION OF CCD ENLARGEMENT HAD COME UP IN AN INFORMAL CONVERSATION HE HAD HAD WITH AMB ROSHCHIN (SOVIET CCD REP) ABOUT A WEEK AGO AND THAT ROSHCHIN HAD MADE IT RATHER EVIDENT THAT THE SOVIETS COULD NOT CONSIDER AUSTRALIA AS A NONALIGNED STATE.

3. AMBASSADOR MARTIN SAID HE PERSONALLY FELT THAT AUSTRALIA COULD MAKE VERY SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION TO THE COMMITTEE'S WORK IF IT WERE ADMITTED AS A MEMBER, BUT HE INDICATED THAT CORKERY WAS CORRECT IN SENSING THAT IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT FOR AUSTRALIA TO BE ADMITTED TO THE NONALIGNED GROUP IN THE CCD. MARTIN ALSO DREW CORKERY'S ATTENTION TO THE PROBLEMS THAT WOULD BE POSED IF AUSTRALIA ON THE OTHER HAND, SOUGHT TO JOIN THE CCD AS A MEMBER OF THE WESTERN ALLIED GROUP (REFTEL). MARTIN INDICATED THAT WE WOULD, HOWEVER, BE REPORTING TO WASHINGTON ON AMBASSADOR CORKERY'S APPROACH AND ASKING FOR THE DEPARTMENT'S COMMENTS.

4. CORKERY, WHO SEEMED TO TAKE A REALISTIC AND SOBER VIEW OF AUSTRALIA'S PROSPECTS FOR CCD MEMBERSHIP, SAID HE WOULD KEEP IN TOUCH WITH US REGARDING THE FURTHER SOUNDINGS THAT HE PLANNED TO MAKE. ABRAMS

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